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## LETTER TO COMMISSION

TO: Mayor Philip Levine and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Jimmy L. Morales, City Manager

DATE: March 13, 2015

SUBJECT: L.E.O. Award Finalists

This Letter to the Mayor and City Commission is to provide information on the Miami Beach Police Department's nominees for the 2014 Law Enforcement Officer Foundation's Awards and announce the selection of Miami Beach Police Department Officer Christina O'Neal's as the 2014 Law Enforcement Officer Foundation's Award Winner in the Safety Category.

The Miami Beach Police Department award finalists were:

- **Officer Christina O'Neal – Safety Category (Award Winner)**  
Successfully resuscitated a strong arm robbery victim using CPR.
- Officer Tino Serrano – Safety Category  
Assisted a FHP Trooper with providing CPR to a crash victim.
- Victim Advocate Aifa Alvarez – Investigative Services Category  
Helping a family cope with the death of their 4 month old infant.
- Public Safety Specialist Brittany Amuso – Specialized Services Category  
Extraordinary efforts on a variety of administrative projects in Internal Affairs
- Detective Jenny Velazquez – Investigative Services Category  
Rescuing children being victimized by sexual predators and child pornography.  
(Winner of the Federal Law Enforcement Officers Association Officer of the Year Award)

The MBPD also had two Miami-Dade County Association of Chiefs of Police Officer of the Month winners during 2014. These two individuals were automatically in the running for the Officer of the Year Award:

- Officer Garfield Taylor – catching an armed robber that attacked a tourist.
- Sergeant James Nolan – rescued a victim of human trafficking.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

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